

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A ~~unified~~ frame of a semiconductor tool interface having a port door, that semiconductor front end components may mount to, the unified frame providing a single reference for all the components to align with, comprising:

at least two ~~vertical~~ elongated struts, each said ~~vertical~~ elongated strut having an upper portion, a lower portion, a front face, and a rear face;

an upper support member secured to said top portion of each said ~~vertical~~ elongated strut;
and

a ~~lower support member structure~~ secured to said lower portion of each said ~~vertical~~ elongated strut, said ~~lower support member creating structure including~~ a front mounting surface that is secured to and partially covering said front face of each said vertical strut, and a rear mounting surface that is secured to and partially covering said rear face of each said vertical strut, said structure providing a storage area defined by the area located between said front and rear mounting surfaces and each pair of said elongated struts, said storage area for storing the port door when the port door is located in a lowermost position.; ~~and~~
~~the front end load components mount to said front and rear mounting surface.~~

2. (Cancel)

3. (Currently Amended) The ~~unified~~ frame as recited in claim 1, wherein said upper support member comprises a single piece of material having ~~has~~ at least one perforated surface.

4. (Currently Amended) The ~~unified~~ frame as recited in claim 1, wherein said ~~lower support member structure~~ comprises a single piece of material having ~~has~~ at least one perforated surface.

5. (Currently Amended) The ~~unified~~ frame as recited in claim 1, wherein each said ~~vertical~~ elongated strut is substantially parallel to each other.

6. (Currently Amended) In an equipment front end module having a port door adapted to move in and out of a port opening in an isolation plate and a housing, the housing having a rear portion being adapted to secure to a front end of a semiconductor tool and a front end having a container support assembly for supporting containers, a frame ~~A unified frame that~~

~~semiconductor front end components may mount to, the unified frame providing a single reference for all the components to align with, comprising:~~

at least two ~~vertical~~ elongated struts, each said ~~vertical~~ elongated strut having an upper portion, a lower portion, a front face, and a rear face;

an upper support member secured to said top portion of each said ~~vertical~~ elongated strut;

~~a lower support member structure~~ secured to said lower portion of each said vertical strut,

~~said lower support member creating structure having~~ a front mounting surface that

is secured to said front face of each said vertical strut and a rear surface secured to

said rear face of each said vertical strut, said structure providing a storage area for

storing the port door when the port door is located in a lowermost position; and

wherein said container support assembly is secured to said front mounting surface of said

structure. the front end load components mount to said front mounting surface of

said lower support member and said rear face of said vertical strut.

7. (Currently Amended) The ~~unified structure~~ frame as recited in claim 6, wherein said upper support member has at least one perforated surface.

8. (Currently Amended) The ~~unified structure~~ frame as recited in claim 6, wherein said ~~lower support member structure~~ has at least one perforated surface.

9. (Currently Amended) The ~~unified structure~~ frame as recited in claim 6, wherein each said vertical strut is substantially parallel to each other.

10-12. (Cancelled)